

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

————— MEETING SUMMARY —————

Public Health Auditorium

1601 East Hazelton Avenue
Stockton, CA 95205

Thursday, August 09, 2001 – 7:00 a.m – 9:00 a.m.

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1. Commencement of meeting: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Fujii at 7:08 a.m.
Roll Call: Commissioners Dei Rossi, Flenoy-Kelley, Snider, Vera, Vice Chair Fujii were present. Commissioners de Polo and Chair Mitchell were excused, Commissioner Adubofour was absent, Commissioner Gutierrez arrived at 7:13 a.m.
2. Approval of Meeting Summary July 12, 2001 and July 28, 2001:
Motion: Approve July 12, 2001 Meeting Summary. (Flenoy-Kelley/Snider; motion carried 5-0)
Motion: Approve July 28, 2001 Meeting Summary with spelling correction. (Flenoy-Kelley/Vera; motion carried 5-0)
3. Program Coordinator's report:
 - PC stated that the Board of Supervisors approved Rnd 2 and Mini-Grant funding.
 - PC informed the Commission of the State Commission's Commissioners Retreat to be held in San Diego on September 30th and October 1st. PC asked Commissioner's about a reschedule for our retreat slated for September 29th in case they wished to attend the state retreat. Commissioner's will check their schedules and let us know what dates they are available and the decision will made later.
 - In a meeting with Jane Henderson, Executive Director of the California Children and Families Commission it was suggested the PC attend other county commission meetings and on Monday, August 6th she went to the Sacramento County meeting. PC found it very interesting and will be attending the Napa County Commission meeting at the end of August. She also encouraged the Commissioner's to attend other County/State meetings as well.
4. Evaluation committee report:

The committee is researching data management systems and will be scheduling presentations from 2 different companies that are already working with other Prop 10 agencies. The committee will be making some potential recommendations for contracting out to a software system for our data management.

5. School Readiness Initiative report:

On the state level, Phase 1 funding was released in August for programs that are already up and running. PC anticipates that we will be a part of Phase II funding which should be released early next year. This allows time for our committee to meet and work on a plan that would engage the community. Our allocation from the State is \$885,058.00 with a match in funds from us. The state will also be giving us \$100,000.00 for implementation and planning, which means approximately \$2,000,000.00 total a year for the next 4 years of program services focusing on low API (Academic Performance Index) scores. The State is committed to helping the counties with this program so there will be State sponsored technical assistance and training.

6. Approve budget for fiscal year 2001-2002:

PC highlighted the Commission Budget handout dated 08/07/01 and the County Administration budget. Commissioner Flenoy-Kelley asked that staff make more visible markings on revised documents. Changes to the School Readiness Initiative brought the total to \$8,687,166.00. Commissioner Gutierrez requested that it be recorded that he does not approve of sponsorship as he understands it, but acknowledged that the Commission had voted and approved it. A budget increase on the mini-grant was discussed, along with making available a \$25,000.00 mini-grant in addition to the \$10,000.00 mini-grant. Although there is a projection of a 10% decrease over the next year from the tobacco tax revenues, we will still have approximately \$20,000,000.00 deposited into the trust fund. Vice Chair Fujii suggested that the Commission discuss the details of new mini-grants at the retreat. Commissioners Gutierrez and Snider pointed out that the dollar amount of the grants needed to be determined in order to arrive at a budget amount. PC stated that at a prior meeting there was a suggestion of doubling the budget amount to \$400,000.00.

Motion: Approve budget for fiscal year 2001-2002 as presented with the addition of \$200,000.00 for a total of \$400,000.00 for Mini-Grants. (Dei Rossi/Gutierrez; motion carried 5-0)

7. Approve plan for disbursement for Kit for New Parents:

September 25th is the State kick off for the disbursement of the Kits. The Program Coordinator is proposing is that the Commission contract with the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) as the lead agency for the disbursement. Jeff Thompson with the Child Abuse Prevention Council answered questions pertaining to Americorp personnel, distribution to other agencies, benefits to the Child Abuse Prevention Council as the lead agency, use of kits at community events, and how

other agencies would be utilized for distribution. He assured the Commission that Americorp staff are trained extensively before they are allowed to make in home visits as part of their program. The PC addressed the question of an agency being paid to distribute while other agencies volunteer. The volunteers would not be asked to do anything above and beyond what they are already doing, so getting additional funds would be inappropriate. A lead agency would dedicate staff to the organization and implementation and follow-up which would require additional funds. Mr. Thompson reminded the Commission that the details are still being worked on and will depend largely on the mandates from the state and the final contract. The purpose of this agenda item is to pursue negotiation of a contract and that negotiation will iron out these details, including accountability and measurable outcomes. The details will be brought back to the next Commission meeting.

There was also discussion on why the hospitals may not be the best place for distribution as new parents are inundated with information at discharge and other emotional/physical factors could interfere with the effectiveness of the materials in the kit. A pilot study was conducted by the State Commission and it was found that new parents were better able to absorb the information in the kit when the kits were distributed pre-nataly, but the hospitals will not be excluded as distribution points.

Motion: Allow CAPC to be the lead agency for distribution of the kits with the understanding that outside agencies will have access to the kits. (Flenoy-Kelley/Gutierrez; motion carried 5-0)

8. Follow up on Strategic Plan workshop:

PC corrected the date on the information sheet from the July 27th to July 28th and summarized the goals of the plan.

9. In Service presentations by American Lung Association and City of Stockton/Parks and Recreation Department:

Kevin Anderson, Program Director with the American Lung Association, presented an update on the "Yes We Can" asthma program being funded by Prop. 10. This program will identify asthmatic children age birth-5 and then providing outreach nurses to go out on home visits, a one month, three month, and a six month follow-up with a goal of reducing emergency room visits, hospital admissions, and provide education to all family members to ensure the children are using their asthma medication. The new coordinator will begin August 13th, the pilot study will start in September and the program should begin in October. There are also other funds being used to provide services to all family members outside of the Prop. 10 funds.

Margarita Ramos, Recreation Program Coordinator with the City of Stockton Parks and Recreation Department, distributed informational brochures and gave an overview of the wide range of community projects their department is responsible for. Their Prop 10 project, Water Waves A Community Approach (WWACA) targets 3-4 year olds with a goal of reaching over 1500 children and their parents for water prevention programming. They have begun working with the Headstart children by going into the classroom and educating on water safety issues and working with the parents on learning water safety as well. The next step will have the parents in the water with their children working on what they learned with a goal of reducing accidental drownings in our community. They are also in collaboration with Easter Seals and are using their indoor heated facility for the water based training.

10. Public comments:

Ron Kerstiens with Mental Health and Data Coop, commented that the \$31,000 line item for evaluation is too small an amount. He believes the Commission will be looking at buying licenses for all our service providers to use the software for the data base system we decide to go with which could be in the neighborhood of \$150,000 to \$200,000. PC clarified that he was referring to line item budget 0226-0160 which was based on a quote for 5 users from ABS and the final dollar amount will depend on the results of the research and which system we decide to use.

11. Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Flenoy-Kelley suggested that we work more closely with the media to publicize what the Prop. 10 Commission is doing. She was made aware that there are still segments of the population that don't know what the Commission has accomplished or the Commission goals for the community.

PC noted that she is including just the highlights of the State Commission meetings in the packets in an effort to reduce the amount of literature the Commissioners receive.

12. Adjournment to Wednesday, **August 22, 2001, 5 p.m. Cal WORKs Employment Center**, 900 E. Oak St., 2nd floor, Room 203, Stockton, CA

Motion: Adjourn meeting (Gutierrez/Dei Rossi; motion carried 5-0)